

Eisenhower Church of Christ

For What Will this Congregation Be Known?

1. Will we be known for our love for lost souls? “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).
2. Will we be known for having strong elders who watch for souls? “Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28).
3. Will we be known for having deacons who serve? “For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 3:13).
4. Will we be known for our generous giving? “God loveth a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7).
5. Will we be known for our brotherly love? “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:35).
6. Will we be known for our friendliness and hospitality? “I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts” (Psalm 119:63)
7. Will we be known for speaking the truth boldly but lovingly? “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John ...they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus” (Acts 4:13)
8. Will we be known for defending the truth when it is under attack? “I am set for the defense of the gospel” (Phil. 1:17)
9. Will we be known for Christian living on the part of every member? “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ? (Phil. 1:27).
10. Will we be known for helping the needy? “Let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:10)

While our primary desire is to glorify God, others will see us and be brought nearer to Him through our efforts (Mt. 5:13-16). If we fail to exhibit these mentioned qualities, the possibility exists that God will not “know” us on Judgment Day (Mt. 25:31-46).

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Prayer Request

Mildred Lee is at ORMC with double pneumonia and not doing well. She was scheduled to be transferred to MCH’s Hospice Care floor. Keep this family in your prayers.

David Ryan tested positive for the Covid virus last week. He is in quarantine at home.

Cathy Eastwood was struggling with severe migraine headaches two weeks ago, but was okay by the end of last week.

Mitchell Bundick, Tracie Halbert’s brother, had surgery on December 21st to remove an infection in his arm.

Marlen Berlanga, is in ICU at MCH struggling with cancer and in critical condition at this time. Please keep Marlen and her family in your prayers.

Ron Williams (Shona Wood’s uncle) had to have surgery after a recent automobile accident. She has requested prayers for him.

Concerns Update Phil Halbert’s x-rays on his back checked out okay after having fallen 8 ft at work due to a broken step on a stair case.

Allen Weakland and **Sylvia Campos** both were under-the-weather last week with colds.

Prayer List

Wayne Anderson; Cesar Benavides; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Mark Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Yolanda Hernandez; Lon & Lana Howard; Paula Jones; Chuck Keith; Mildred Lee; Charles Lewis; Jason Moore; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Ken & Angie Orr, Bruce & Trina Plyler; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; Bill Wood; John Wood; (baby) Sarah York;

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Glenna Callendar; LaVerne Couch, James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

Events

Watch "***In Search of the Lord's Way***" Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

Thank You

To the Preparers of the Senior "Goody" Boxes: Thank you for the box of delicious "goodies." It took much of your time that you surely could have used for something else. Knowing that, I am especially appreciative of your gift. Have a happy new year! Love, Jane Seabolt

My Dearest Sisters, I love and appreciate being a part of your family. Thank you for my delicious x-mas cookie box. I'll sure to tell my doctor, it's your fault, not mine (fat) ha! ha! Love you all in Christ, Hattie

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Bible Knowledge ... "Look who said this" Mary said, "Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." (Luke 2:48)

Care to Suffer

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me" (Mt. 16:24). Jesus did not hide from His disciples the fact that following Him would lead to persecution. If Jesus was crucified, it should not come as a shock to learn that His disciples will also be mistreated (2 Tim. 3:12). However, when such suffering comes as a result of living for God, we can expect that we will receive also the blessing and approval of the Lord.

Many misunderstand the principle of suffering for the sake of righteousness. Some have reasoned that self-imposed hardship is somehow beneficial to the soul. One man in the fourth century went about wearing heavy chains. He had to crawl wherever he went. Another man deprived himself of lying down to go to sleep. Still another man lived in a hollow tree trunk for 11 years. Pardon the pun, but he was barking up the wrong tree!

Jesus did teach blessing in persecution. However, the blessing extended is for those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness (Mt. 5:10). Suffering is neither good nor bad. But if we look to God for deliverance and place our trust in Him, suffering brings about great results. James says, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance and let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4).

There is a difference between suffering for what is right and suffering for our own foolishness. Getting slapped in the face for being abusive to others is not suffering for righteousness' sake. In our efforts to teach others about the Savior, we must be bold, but gentle.

Paul reminds us to “speak the truth in love” (Eph. 4:15). Peter says, “Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name” (1 Peter 4:15-16). You can tell a lot about a person by that for which he is willing to suffer. Let our sufferings be for righteousness’ sake that we might entertain the hope of everlasting life.

—Glen Elliott

| January 1st, 2023 | A.M. | P.M. |
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| Announcements | Allen Weakland | Allen Weakland |
| Song Leader | Jacob Carson | Jon Roemisch |
| Sermon | Allen Weakland | Allen Weakland |
| Opening Prayer | Allen Weakland | Allen Weakland |
| Scripture | Tommy Garcia | Jackie Perkins |
| Second Prayer | Don Easlon | Caleb York |
| Closing Prayer | Larry May | Trini Wood |
| Lords Supper | <u>Oliver Hernandez</u> Gary Loving Jr. Munoz David Ryan | Bill Ryan Communion (In Library) |

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Allen Weakland 254-8209 *Deacon:* John Wood 413-7444 — *Pulpit:* Scot Straw 288-4533 — *Table:* Bill Ryan 352-4871 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Collections:* Cody Wesson

Sunday AM

Preferring Barabbas to Jesus”
(Lk. 23:13-25)

Sunday PM

“Superior Power of Jesus’ Sacrifice”
(Hebrews 10:1-4)

Our Records

Bible Class... 52

Morning Worship...84

Evening Worship ... 38

Wednesday...77

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